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SUBJECT: GDR AMBASSADOR IN ANGOLA

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1. ONLY FIRM INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE IS THAT HORST SCHOEN PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS AS GDR AMBASSADOR TO ANGOLA ON JANUARY 6, 1978. SCHOEN REPLACED EBERHARD FEISTER WHO HAD BEEN IN LUANDA FOR ONLY 20 MONTHS, A RELATIVELY SHORT PERIOD OF ASSIGNMENT FOR THE GDR. SCHOEN IS A CAREER DIPLOMAT BUT WITH NO BACKGROUND IN AFRICAN AFFAIRS.

2. AS NOTED REFTTEL, RELATIONS BETWEEN THE GDR AND ANGOLA APPEAR TO BE VERY CLOSE. WE NOTE THAT AT TIME OF PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS IN JANUARY 1978, ACCORDING TO PUBLIC EAST GERMAN SOURCES, PRESIDENT NETO EXPRESSED HIS SATISFACTION WITH "SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPMENT AND DEEPENING OF THE TRADITIONAL CLOSE AND FRIENDLY COOPERATION  
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BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES, COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES ON THE BASIS OF THEIR COMMON APPROACH IN THE ANTI-IMPERIALIST STRUGGLE AND IN THE BUILDING OF SOCIALISM." ACCORDING TO EAST GERMAN PRESS ACCOUNTS, THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE GDR SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE, KURT KRUEGER MET WITH PRESIDENT NETO OVER THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 4-5 IN A "FRIENDLY" MEETING.

NETO REPORTEDLY NOTED THE ANTI-IMPERIALIST  
SOLIDARITY OF THE PEOPLE OF THE GDR AND THAT THE  
STRENGTHENING OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN  
ANGOLA AND THE USSR, CUBA, THE GDR AND OTHER  
SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WERE OF DECISIVE SIGNIFICANCE  
FOR FURTHER SOCIAL PROGRESS IN ANGOLA.

3. ALTHOUGH FEISTER'S ASSIGNMENT TO LUANDA  
MAY HAVE BEEN SHORTER THAN AVERAGE THERE IS NO  
EVIDENCE THAT WE ARE AWARE OF THAT HIS DEPARTURE  
OR THE SUBSTITUTION BY SCHOEN REFLECTS ANY  
CHANGE OR STRAIN IN GDR-ANGOLA RELATIONS. POLANSKY

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